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PCT/JP03/07538  
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Re: Application of Shigeo SHIRAKURA  
NO<sub>x</sub> REMOVAL CATALYST MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR NO<sub>x</sub> REMOVAL  
APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MANAGING NO<sub>x</sub> REMOVAL  
CATALYST  
**Assignee: THE CHUGOKU ELECTRIC POWER CO., INC.**  
Our Ref: Q85162

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ one (1) sheet of drawing (Fig. 1).
- ☒ an English translation of Article 34 amendment.
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement, International Search Report, a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

Copies of the executed Declaration and Assignment will be submitted at a later date. It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

The Government filing fee, upon entry of the Preliminary Amendment, is calculated as follows:

Total claims	24	-	20	=	<u>4</u>	x	\$50.00	=	<u>\$200.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>2</u>	-	3	=	<u></u>	x	\$200.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee									\$360.00
Base Fee									\$300.00
Search Fee									\$500.00
Examination Fee									\$200.00
TOTAL FEE									\$1560.00

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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$1560.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

Country

Japan

Application No

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Rosner', positioned above a horizontal line.

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